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SUBJECT: VISIT TO SURINAM BY CHAIRMAN OF INTER-AMERICAN
DEFENSE BOARD (IADB)

REF: (A) PARAMARIBO 0240 (NOTAL), (B) PARAMARIBO 0165

1. DEPT HAS RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM IADB THAT IADB
CHAIRMAN, GENERAL GORDON SUMNER, WILL BE VISITING
SURINAM APRIL 13-15 AT INVITATION OF GOS TO DISCUSS GOS
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN IADB. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED
BY AIDE-DE-CAMP, USAF MAJOR JULES DUBOIS.

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2. SUMNER AND HIS AIDE ARE VISITING SURINAM AS OFFICIALS
OF THE IADB, AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, NOT AS U.S.
MILITARY PERSONNEL. BOTH ARE ACTIVE DUTY U.S. MILITARY
OFFICERS SECONDED TO IADB AS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
OFFICERS, BUT THEY DO NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE INSTRUCTIONS
FROM USG REGARDING THEIR IADB DUTIES OR TRAVEL. BOTH
WILL BE TRAVELING IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES.

3. SUMNER WILL ARRIVE PARAMARIBO 2350 HOURS APRIL 13 VIA ALM 941 FROM CURACAO. HE PLANS TO LEAVE PARAMARIBO AT 0740 HOURS APRIL 15 VIA ALM 942. DUBOIS PLANS TO ARRIVE VIA ALM 941 APRIL 12 AND DEPART WITH SUMNER ON

APRIL 15. BOTH HAVE RESERVATIONS AT HOTEL TORARICA AND ARE NOT EXPECTING TO BE MET AT AIRPORT BY EMBASSY.

4. FOR PARAMARIBO: CHARGE SHOULD OF COURSE RECEIVE SUMNER IF HE CALLS AND ATTEND ANY SOCIAL FUNCTION TO WHICH CHARGE MIGHT BE INVITED BY GOS, BUT IS NOT EXPECTED TO HOST SOCIAL AFFAIRS. IF ASKED BY GOS WHAT THEY SHOULD DO FOR SUMNER, CHARGE SHOULD RESPOND THAT THIS IS UP TO THE GOS AS HOST TO INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALS. CHARGE SHOULD NOT TAKE PART IN ANY OFFICIAL CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN SUMNER AND GOS, EXPLAINING IF ASKED THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE IN ACCORD WITH SUMNER'S INTERNATIONAL STATUS. IF ASKED FOR GUIDANCE BY SUMNER, CHARGE SHOULD REPEAT SUGGESTIONS DESK HAS ALREADY GIVEN TO DUBOIS -- THAT VISIT SHOULD BE LOW-KEY AND LIMITED TO DEFENSE MINISTER AND ARMY COMMANDER. IF ASKED, POST SHOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST WEARING U.S. MILITARY UNIFORM WHILE IN SURINAM.

5. FOR GEORGETOWN: CHARGE SHOULD DRAW ON PARAS 1-3 TO INFORM GOG OF IMPENDING VISIT BY IADB OFFICIALS TO SURINAM. CHARGE SHOULD STRESS THAT SUMNER AND DUBOIS WILL BE IN SURINAM AS OFFICIALS OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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ORGANIZATION INVITED BY THE GOS, NOT REPEAT NOT AS U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL. CHARGE SHOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT SURINAM IS MEMBER OF OAS AND HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN JOINING IADB, BUT IS NOT YET A MEMBER. FYI: OAS MEMBERSHIP IS NOT A PREREQUISITE FOR APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP IN IADB. END FYI.
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